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ELK GROVE MAN ARRESTED FOR DISTRIBUTING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

SACRAMENTO-- United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced that SCOTT PHILLIP DECHAIINE, 28, of Elk Grove, was arrested today following his indictment by a federal grand jury yesterday charging him with distributing and possessing images of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. The defendant made his first appearance in court this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. in front of United States Magistrate Judge Edmund F. Brennan.

This case is the product of a joint investigation by the Elk Grove Police Department, the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department, and the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department which was undertaken as part of Project Safe Childhood (PSC). PSC is a United States Department of Justice initiative established to increase federal prosecutions of violent sexual predators of children, and to reduce the number of Internet crimes against children including child pornography trafficking. As a part of PSC, the United States Attorney's Office has teamed with state and local agencies and organizations to increase law enforcement presence on the Internet, and to educate the public about safe Internet use, thereby reducing the risk that children might fall prey to online sexual predators. For additional information on the PSC initiative, please go to www.projectsafechildhood.gov or call the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of California and ask to speak with the PSC coordinator.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Carolyn K. Delaney, who is prosecuting the case, the indictment alleges that between February 28, 2006 and March 1, 2006, the defendant transmitted images of child pornography via his computer. The indictment also alleges that the defendant possessed images of child pornography between February 28, 2006, and May 18, 2006.

The maximum statutory penalty for a violation of distributing child pornography is 20 years imprisonment, and a \$250,000 fine. However, the actual sentence will be dictated by the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of factors, and will be imposed at the discretion of the court.

The charges are only allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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